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Bay of Pigs 'best thing to happen' to JFK

BOSTON (AP) — The late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy said in an interview 15 years ago that the unsuccessful Bay of Pigs invasion taught President John F. Kennedy the danger of blindly following his aides' advice.

In that respect, Robert Kennedy said, the Cuban invasion "might have been the best thing that happened" to his brother's administration.

The younger Kennedy brother, who was assassinated in 1968, commented about the incident in an interview taped with author John Bartlow Martin in 1964. The tape is part of the collection stored in the John F. Kennedy Library, which opens Oct. 20.